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NOTARIZATION OF DOCUMENTS FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES

If you reside in the United Kingdom but need to have documents notarized for use in the United States, you have two choices: you may either make an appointment to have your documents notarized by a U.S. consular officer at the American Embassy in London or you may go through the two-step British system.

Through the Embassy

The American Citizen Services Branch of the U.S. Embassy in London provides notary services for those persons wishing to execute documents in the presence of a U.S. consular officer. This service is available to both American and foreign citizens who need to have documents notarized for use in the United States. To schedule an appointment please visit our website:
http://london.usembassy.gov/cons_new/acs/scs/scs_security_notice_redirector.html

Through the British System

Alternatively, documents needing notarization for use in the United States can be notarized under the British system. Notarization under the British system is a two-step process.

Step 1: Have your documents signed in front of a British Notary Public. For your nearest Notary Public, please visit http://www.thenotariessociety.org.uk/.

Step 2: You must have the signature and seal of the Notary Public legalized by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO). The FCO will legalize documents by means of an Apostille, or certificate. In addition to documents witnessed by notaries public and solicitors, documents such as UK public records (birth, death, and marriage certificates; probate documents; all documents certified by court officials, the Patent Office, and Companies Registration Office, etc.) can be legalized at the FCO.

For further details, please telephone the Legalization Office at 01908-295-111 or see the website of the FCO Legalisation Office at http://www.fco.gov.uk/en/about-us/what-we-do/services-we-deliver/legal-services/legalisation/ .